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To whom it may concern.

I feel that you are caving in to whatever political pressure has been brought to bear regarding the pitiful settlement in the Microsoft case. Microsoft has been found (and upheld in appeals) to be a predatory monopolist and all the DOJ is doing is slapping them on the wrist and allowing them to continue to buy/steal/lie/cheat to gain market share in new markets and retain control in their existing markets. Past experience with Microsoft should show you that Microsoft will squirm around any rules that are invoked and not have to follow anything but their own instinct for domination of any market that they want.

I feel that you should step back and listen to people that are not on Microsoft's payroll (including the politicians) and force some harsh penalties on them. Microsoft is not responsible for the economy and is not the sole support for the IT industry. Bringing competition back into the market will have a greater and more meaningful impact on the industry than allowing Microsoft to continue their dominance.

Do not allow Microsoft to continue bundling anything they want into the operating system especially when its sole pupose is to gain market share from others. We are not crying for more capabilities (which also translate into more security holes for hackers)- we want an operting system that is stable and will allow us to get the best software out there to use on it!

Your current settlement stinks!

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